

serve the majority of the population, AMSA members protect our nation's valuable water resources by treating and reclaiming wastewater to meet the ambitious goals of the Clean Water Act. Congress should celebrate their role in the remarkable revitalization of America's waters during the past 30 years. While the population served by publicly-owned treatment works has risen 40 percent since 1970, water quality has improved dramatically, in large part due to the fine work of AMSA's membership. In addition to their primary responsibility for collecting and treating the Nation's domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater, AMSA member agencies play a major part in their local communities, often leading watershed management efforts, promoting pollution prevention, water conservation and recycling, and providing resources for environmental restoration.

AMSA was established in 1970 by representatives of 22 municipal wastewater treatment agencies. Since then, AMSA's 30 years of participation, growth and cooperation has helped ensure a strong federal, state and local partnership to attain the important goals of the Clean Water Act: to protect the chemical, biological and physical health of our nation's streams, lakes, rivers, estuaries and coasts.

Today, AMSA's 245 members serve the majority of the population connected to municipal wastewater systems and reclaim 18 billion gallons of wastewater each day. AMSA is a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy and works closely with Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, lending unparalleled technical expertise and information on pollution prevention, air quality, wastewater treatment, ecosystem health, and utility management.

In recent years, AMSA has been actively involved in a broadening array of environmental laws and regulations, including water infrastructure funding, nonpoint source pollution, and urban wet weather flows, providing valuable testimony to Congress, as it considers legislation to improve the nation's waters. As Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, I am in a good position to observe that AMSA is meeting the goals of its founders by pursuing every opportunity to develop and implement scientifically based, technically sound, and cost-effective environmental programs.

AMSA's active membership, prominence as a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy and close working relationship with the EPA and Congress will undoubtedly allow it to help shape the course of environmental protection in the next century. Once again, I congratulate AMSA on this important milestone as an organization and also for America's environment.

BILL BRADY HONORED FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend Bill Brady,

who will retire June 30 after serving 19 years as the postmaster of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and with a total of 40 years and one month of government service.

Bill is truly an example of a dedicated public servant who has taken on as his mission in life the efficient delivery of mail, and he has become an institution in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Brady is a graduate of Duryea High School and a four-year veteran of the Air Force. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Scranton in 1971.

Mr. Brady began his postal career as a distribution clerk in Scranton in January 1966. In 1973, he became a U.S. postal inspector and was stationed in Illinois, New York and Wilkes-Barre. In 1980, he left the Inspection Service and became manager of retail sales and services at the Wilkes-Barre sectional facility office. In April 1981, he went to the post office in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of postal operations, and served for six months in that position before assuming his present duties.

During his career at Wilkes-Barre, he has also been assigned to higher-level positions as acting director of mail processing at the Lehigh Valley Postal Facility, director of field operations for the Harrisburg Division and director of marketing for the Harrisburg Division.

As the Postal Service has changed and become more technologically advanced, Bill has adapted, always keeping customer service upmost in his mind.

Mr. Brady is a past president of the Luzerne County Chapter of Postmasters and is a member of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, having served as national chairman of the Postmaster Representative Committee for four years. He is also a member of Pennsylvania NAPUS Postmasters and has been active in numerous professional associations during his postal career.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call Mr. Brady's public service to the attention of the House of Representatives, and I send my best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
THOMAS AND MARY LOU GALLAGHER
ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a very special couple from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 24, 2000, in the presence of many of their family members, neighbors, and friends, Thomas and Mary Lou Gallagher will celebrate a milestone day in their lives. On June 24, in Sandusky, Ohio, Thomas and Mary Lou will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, the celebration of the sanctity of marriage is one of our most cherished and time-honored traditions. Throughout the ages, husbands and wives have reaffirmed their

trust, faith, and, most importantly, love for each other on their wedding anniversaries. On this most treasured day, we, as their friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members, have the opportunity to recognize them for their commitment, their sharing, and their love for each other.

The day on which two people are united in marriage is much more than simply a ceremony, with wedding vows and the exchanging of rings. It is the true union of two individuals who then become one, inseparable entity. It is the common bond and an unwavering dedication to each other that will help the marriage through good times and bad.

Mr. Speaker, for the past fifty years, Thomas and Mary Lou have shown how love, compassion, and conviction are the cornerstones of their long and lasting marriage. Their strong commitment to each other is an example for each of us to follow.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to stand and join me in paying very special tribute to Thomas and Mary Lou Gallagher on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. May the love and happiness they have found stay with them far into the future. Again, best wishes and congratulations on fifty wonderful years together.

TO HONOR DR. RICHARD GOODE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2000

Mr. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to bring to the attention of my colleagues an honor recently bestowed upon one of my most distinguished constituents, Dr. Richard Goode, M.D. Dr. Goode was recently presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alumni Association of the University of California at Santa Barbara for his contributions to improved hearing.

Dr. Goode graduated from UCSB with his B.A. degree in 1958. As an undergraduate, he was elected President of the Associated Students, and was presented with the "Honor Copy" of the yearbook "La Cumbre" at his commencement ceremonies. The leadership skills he developed during his years at UCSB clearly set the stage for his subsequent successes in the medical profession.

Dr. Goode is a highly regarded professor and physician in our community. He has served on the surgery faculty of Stanford University School of Medicine for over thirty years and has led the Division of Otolaryngology at the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Healthcare System. He has served as President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery, and of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Notwithstanding all these wonderful achievements, it is his work in developing hearing technologies that has brought him the greatest recognition. Dr. Goode has developed many devices that are used regularly by ear, nose, and throat specialists, most notably the Goode T-Tube. He has had a successful business career founding two companies which manufacture high-tech hearing devices.